

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/821,642

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Yong Chu

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/12/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 4-10, 12-60, 62-71, 76-80, and 92-95 (renumbered as 1-77).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submissions filed on 12/18/2006 and 1/12/2007 have been entered.

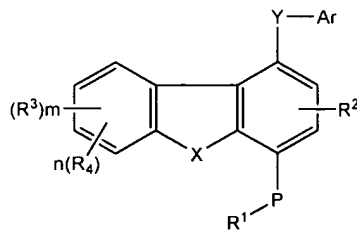
Claims 2, and 17 are amended by amendment filed on 12/18/2006. Claims 93, 94 and 95 are new by the amendment filed on 1/12/2007. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-60, 62-71, 76-80, and 92-95 are currently pending in the instant application.

Response to Amendment

The Supplementary Amendments by Applicants' representative Jay P. Lessler dated on 18 December 2006, and on 12 January 2007 have been entered.

Reasons for Allowance

The present invention is directed to a dibenzofuran or dibenzothiophen



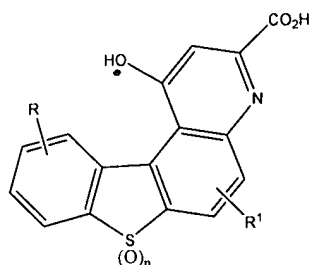
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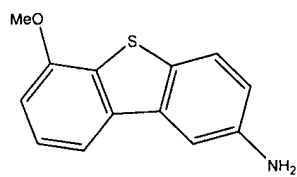
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or allergic disorders. The closest art of record is U.S. Patent No. 4,018,780 and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/532,273.

U.S. Patent No. 4,018,780 (Lappi *et al.*) discloses compounds with formula

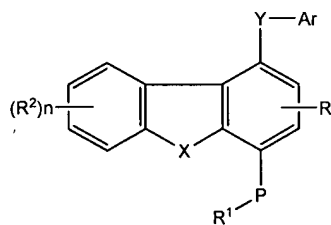


useful as allergy inhibitors and intermediates such as



for making the compounds. The allergy inhibitory compounds are distinct from the instantly claimed compounds because they are different in the core structure as shown in formulae supra.

Co-pending U.S. Patent Application 10/532,273 (Balasubramanian *et al.*)



discloses a dibenzofuran or dibenzothiophene compound

wherein R^2 is $-NH_2$, or other non-amino substituents. Even though the core structures of the co-pending application and instantly claimed compounds are same, the reference compounds with substituent R^2 as $-NH_2$, or other non-amino groups are distinct as whole from the instantly claimed compounds with substituent R_4 ($-NR^5 R^6$, not $-NH_2$).

Therefore, claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-60, 62-71, 76-80, and 92-95 are allowed.

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Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yong Chu whose telephone number is 571-272-5759.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 3:30 pm EST.

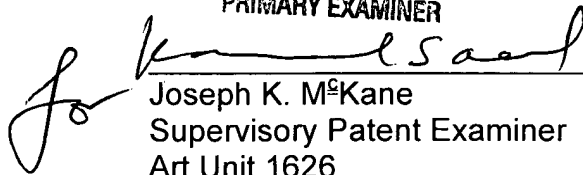
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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